

## NEED ANY FREAKS? CALL ON GUMPERTZ

Magnate Who Runs Market  
for Strange People Tells  
of Their Habits.

ZIP THE MOST POPULAR

Women Growing Stout Like to  
Reassure Themselves Be-  
fore Real Fat Lady.

Sam Gumpertz, freak magnate, who  
collects human curiosities as some men  
acquire paintings, Colonial furniture or  
first editions, called at Freak Hall in  
Madison Square last night while the big  
show was booming in the arena.

After the Strange People—as they so  
actively prefer to be called—had crowded  
around him, or he had visited such as  
could not walk or shake hands, and the  
general buzz of pleasant greeting had  
died away, he chatted about the oddest  
business in the world and of the queer  
deals he has made in three-legged boys,  
transparent men, blue men, bearded  
ladies, giants and midgets, ossified men  
and armless wonders.

Not a week passes that this dealer in  
nature's whims does not receive per-  
fectly matter of fact, businesslike tele-  
grams reading something like this:  
"Rush half-woman, fat lady (young),  
two midgets and blue man for street  
fair, Bucyrus, Ohio, week of April 1."

**Hate Sympathy or Pity.**  
"It's a great game," said Sam Gum-  
pertz, as he idly watch Krao, the  
Siamese Bearded Lady of the circus,  
littering a sweater for her husband.  
"Talk about temperament! Your grand  
opera stars have nothing on the freaks.  
If they travel they have got to have  
pullman compartments, and they de-  
mand the best there is in hotel accom-  
modations. You've got to be careful  
what you say to them or in front of  
them. They hate to be pitied or sym-  
pathized with."

"I've been handling freaks for a good  
many years and they've certainly kept  
me stepping lively. Probably more  
freaks come from central Europe than  
anywhere else in the world, Hungary  
and the Balkan States produce a lot,  
probably due to the fact that the mar-  
riage of close relatives is common."

"Fat women are always in demand,  
and the market is usually firm in living  
skeletons. Human psychology enters  
into the popularity of fat women.  
Feminine visitors to the circus love to  
throng around the fat lady and console  
themselves, even if pretty plump, that  
they will never get to look like her.  
Living skeletons are objects of intense  
curiosity for something of the same  
reason, and people always ask the liv-  
ing skeletons what they eat that keeps  
them so thin."

"Of all the freaks midgets are prob-  
ably the most popular, and of the sun-  
niest disposition. Little Princess Wee  
here has friends all over the coun-  
try, and has been entertained in good  
homes in many cities."

"Most dwarfs are obsessed by the  
notion that they are growing bigger,  
and whenever midgets meet at the  
beginning of a season there is the most  
policious examination of each other's  
height to see if by any ill luck the  
fraction of an inch has been added."

**Zip Best Known of Strange Folk.**  
"Who is the best known freak in the  
world? Oh, I suppose our old friend Zip,  
the Human What Is It? here, is entitled  
to that distinction. We know that Zip  
is at least 30, and if he knew the facts  
of his youth it would turn out probably  
that he was much older. Zip was first  
heard of in 1856, sixty-six years ago,  
when a sailor took him to Barnum's  
Museum at Broadway and Ann street.  
The sailor told Mr. Barnum that he had  
rescued Zip from a Chinese ship in  
Singapore harbor. Barnum studied Zip  
a while, then asked: "What is it?"  
"Don't ask me," said the sailor. "Be-

lieve call him that. Seems to fit."  
"And from that day to this old Zip  
has been the Human What Is It? He's  
a very amiable old chap, mostly peculiar  
for his pear shaped head, and with cer-  
tain weaknesses not unknown to normal  
humanity. He has a regular guardian  
who takes care of his earnings. When  
Zip gets through tramping he won't want  
for money for his last years."

"Are freaks happy?" On the whole,  
yes. The funny thing about their point  
of view is that they are very much in-  
clined to look on persons who are not as  
they are as freaks. As a rule they  
are very proud of their peculiarities as  
if they had been singled out by Provi-  
dence for unusual distinction. Then,  
too, their earning capacity is large and  
steady, the demand being constant. Any  
freak who takes care of his "or her  
money" should come pretty nearly dying  
rich. Salaries are based on a kind of  
standard rate for fat women, living  
skeletons, human pin cushions, wild men  
and so on, but salaries depend to some  
extent on how many persons must be in-  
cluded in the contract. Some are quite  
helpless, of course, and travel only with  
relatives or with hired attendants."

Mr. Gumpertz said that there has been  
a revival in the freak business within re-  
cent years. Ringling Brothers and Bar-  
num & Bailey has never noted so much  
interest in the freaks as has been shown  
by the public this season.

### GOING ABOARD TO BE WED.

New London, Conn., April 1.—Miss  
Caroline Black, state professor of  
botany at Connecticut College, has re-  
signed and will leave on Wednesday for  
England, where she is soon to be mar-  
ried to Dr. Cassius E. Hilt of Enfield,  
England, a research specialist.



It may not be necessary for  
you to cross by one of the  
fast Cunard express steamers  
to Southampton and Cher-  
bourg. In such a case, con-  
sider the new Cunard 20,000  
ton oil burners to Liverpool  
—also the new Anchor Liners  
to Glasgow. They offer at a  
moderate figure, luxury, com-  
fort and an additional day's  
enjoyment of ship life.

### Sailing from N. Y.

SCYTHIA April 28—May 24

SAMARIA May 10—June 7

CAMERONIA April 6—May 6

Sailing from Boston

LACONIA May 3—May 31

June 28

If, however, time presses re-  
member we run the fastest  
trio of ships in the world,  
BERENGARIA, AQUITANIA,  
MAURETANIA—Sailing every  
Tuesday from New York.

CUNARD and ANCHOR  
STEAM SHIP LINES  
25 Broadway, New York

# Stern Brothers

West 42nd St.

(Between 5th and 6th Avenues)

West 43rd St.

## Women's Distinctive Silk Frocks, \$35.00

A Particularly Eventful Offering of fashion's latest models in excellent quality  
CREPE de CHINE and SATIN-BACK CANTON CREPE—the kind of frocks that look so  
thoroughly smart and wear so well. Various and entirely different models—some embroidered,  
some with graceful plaited or embroidered panels, and one little French looking style adorned with drawn-work.

Unusual belts and sleeves lend further touches of individuality.

The very latest fashion notes in a quality of material  
that is unique in dresses so moderately priced as these.

Colors: Navy Blue, Gray, Castor, Henna, White  
or Black. Sizes 36 to 46. Third Floor.

## Misses' Town and Country Suits, \$32.50

Hand-Tailored in Imported or Domestic Tweed and Homespuns.

Nowadays one can't consider her wardrobe complete without the companionable Tweed  
Suit. There is no end to its uses for all daytime occasions, for town or countryside, it is the ideal costume.

That is why, in a season which insists upon one's being tweed-clad, these youthful suits are so smartly  
satisfying. Satisfying, too, because of a low price that cannot account for the splendid materials, the  
general air of excellent tailoring, and the jaunty, youth-in-every-line styles. Sizes 14, 16 and 18 years.

Box or belted effects. Some with chain belts. Light colors or medium shades.

Slot or patch pockets. Coats lined with Crepe de Chine.

## Coats, Wraps, and Capes for Extra Size Women

Particularly designed for the woman of extra size, these models are deftly cut to accentuate  
slenderness, while strictly following the vogue of the hour. Almost any and every style—it's all a matter of  
what you prefer, for its sure to be here—not a single latest fashion idea is overlooked. Beautifully tailored, too, and finished  
with fine care for details. Semi-fitted Models, Wraps, and Capes, in such materials as Gerona, Piquette, Veldyne,  
Tricotine, Twill Cord, Bolivia, and Piretta. Black, Navy Blue, Tan, Fallow, Dolphine, and Sorrento.

\$39.50 to 125.00

A Remarkable Value for Monday Only:

## 10,000 yards of Imported Dress Gingham

All new, fresh, crisp merchandise, just unpacked from the cases.  
Exceptionally fine quality. All colors in checks and overchecks.

Very Special at 48c yard (32 inches wide)

## Women's Imported Hand-Made Lingerie

At Phenomenal Price Concessions—Monday

Altogether so fine in fabric and so exquisitely wrought to the last weave and intricate  
stitch, that one can secure enough LINGERIE for a year or more at prices that are almost negligible.

**BATISTE NIGHTGOWNS and ENVELOPE  
CHEMISES**—Nightgowns elaborately embroid-  
ered, some models combined with lace; square, round or  
V necklines. Sleeveless models and others with sleeves.  
CHEMISES show embroidery, filet laces, ribbons. Strap  
models or others with  
"built-up" arm hole. \$1.90, 2.95, 3.95

**BATISTE CHEMISES**—  
Hemmed bottoms;  
elaborately hand-emb'd. \$1.90, 2.25, 2.95

**BATISTE DRAWERS**—Delicately embroidered with  
leaves, ribbon bows, flower  
sprays, scalloped. \$1.00 and 1.50

**BATISTE BODICES**—Combining their hand-made  
embroidery with real Filet, Irish or  
Torchon laces. Pink  
ribbon straps. \$1.00, 1.50, 1.95

**BATISTE PETTICOATS**—Scalloped at the bottom  
and adorned with graceful  
patterns of embroidery. \$2.25, 2.90, 3.85

## Silver-plated Tableware at SPECIAL PRICES

Rogers Silver-plated Tableware

Reproductions Sheffield Silver-plate

Tea or Coffee Spoons . . . dozen \$2.25  
Table Spoons or Forks . . . " 4.50  
Dessert Spoons or Forks . . . " 4.25  
Soup Spoons with round bowl . . . " 4.50  
Oyster Forks or Orange Spoons . . . " 3.85  
Salad Forks (Individual) . . . " 5.75  
Butter Spreaders . . . " 5.45  
Medium or Dessert Knives . . . " 5.95

Pie Plates with Pyrex glass lining . . . \$3.65  
Sandwich Plates . . . . . 2.85  
Crumb Sets, two pieces . . . . . 3.65  
Cheese and Cracker Dishes . . . . . 4.45  
Vegetable Dishes with lock handle . . . 9.85  
Cake or Fruit Baskets . . . . . 4.45  
Bread Trays . . . . . 4.45  
Meat Platters, Well and Tree, 18 inches 18.75

White Celluloid Handle Medium Knives, stainless steel blades, \$5.95 a dozen.

## A Noteworthy Offering of Women's Hand-Tailored Suits



\$49.50

Of course the costume of the season is the tailored  
suit, filling as it does, the needs of so many occasions  
with such unrivalled and appropriate grace.

Every single thing about these suits is new. The styles are  
new—you will find coats in finger-tip or the 38-inch length,  
and there is a severely plain and smart model with mannish  
pockets. Braid and stitching are used for trimming in the  
newest ways, and one coat has stripes of the material to give  
effectiveness to the back.

Finished with expert skill. Silk lined throughout. In every  
respect suits much smarter than you expected to find at a  
price far lower than you expected to pay.

All Hand-Tailored Twill Cords and Tricotines—Sizes 34 to 44.

## Sale Monday—4200 pairs

## Women's Imported GLACE GLOVES

Extraordinarily Low Priced at

\$1.00 per pair

Made of durable, glossy skins, supple and pliant, and  
shaped to mold and hold the hand trimly, these two-  
clasp Gloves have Paris points and are over-seam sewn.

Just the thing for wear with the tailored suit.

In every respect—Style, Fabric and Work-  
manship, a very rare value, indeed.

In Black or White and various shades of Brown,  
Tan and Gray—Sizes 5½ to 7½.

To lend that finished note of distinction to the  
new Tailored Suits:

## Fashionable Fur Scarfs for Women and Misses

Champagne Fox Scarfs— Very finest quality \$110.00	Hudson Bay Sable Scarf —fine silky pelt \$65.00
Burm Martin Scarf—large one skin animal \$55.00	Platinum Fox Scarf— extra fine quality \$79.50

WOMEN'S and MISSES'

## Fibre Silk Sweaters

The always favored Tuxedo model for Spring and Summer wear

Fancy block weaves in a lustrous Fibre Silk, with a  
sash girdle finished with fringe and pockets. Indis-  
pensable, since they give both beauty and variety to  
your wardrobe.

All colors as well as Black and White.

\$12.95 (Main Floor)

## Crouch & Fitzgerald Removal Sale

Steamer Trunks	Dress Trunks	Hat Trunks
Formerly \$31.00 Now \$23	Formerly \$36.00 Now \$25	Formerly \$75.00 Now \$50.00
70.00 \$55	110.00 \$60	33.00 \$25.00
95.00 \$80	132.00 \$80	29.00 \$21.50

**Ladies' Suit Cases**  
Grain cowhide—semi-enamel finish, gold  
plated locks, 22 inches, generous depths.  
Interior moire lined with shirred top and  
end pockets. Also in 20 and 22 inch  
lengths. Formerly \$28.00,  
now  
**\$18.75**

**Shopping Bags**  
as illustrated  
Formerly \$14.75  
Now  
**\$9.75**  
Others  
Formerly \$50 to \$12.  
Now \$35 to \$7.25  
**\$16.25 to \$53.00**

Entire Stock being sold regardless of  
manufacturing cost.

## Crouch & Fitzgerald

Downtown Store  
177 Broadway  
at Cortland St.

587 Fifth Avenue  
Above 47th Street